



CITY OF LODI COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Adopt resolution authorizing the purchase of fire panels to equip the Lodi Police Department patrol fleet of twenty five vehicles from **F.I.R.E. Panel LLC** of Scottsdale, Arizona (State COPS Grant \$9,600)

MEETING DATE: March 16, 2005

PREPARED BY: Jerry J. Adams, Chief of Police

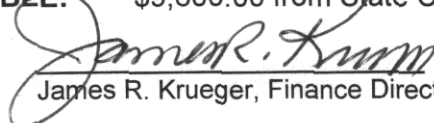
RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the City Council adopt a resolution authorizing the purchase of "fire panels" to equip the entire patrol fleet of twenty-five (25) Ford Crown Victoria/Police Interceptors from **F.I.R.E. Panel LLC** of Scottsdale, Arizona for \$9,600.

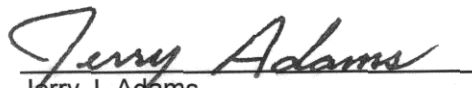
BACKGROUND INFORMATION: There have been several instances, nationwide, where Ford Crown Victoria/Police Interceptors have caught fire after being struck in the rear at high speed resulting in the deaths of police officers. A company located in Scottsdale, Arizona (**F.I.R.E. Panel LLC**) is manufacturing a panel containing fire suppressant powder, that when mounted on the gas tank of these vehicles, effectively extinguishes the fire in these types of collisions. Because this danger only exists when the vehicle is struck in the rear at high speed, it is recommended that only the vehicles in the patrol fleet be so equipped. Other Ford Crown Victorias in the City fleet are not exposed to the same dangers as general patrol vehicles. Installing these panels in all our patrol vehicles could not only save lives, but have the additional benefit of protecting our equipment by reducing the amount of damage in this type of collision.

We recommend purchase of these fire panels, sole source, from **F.I.R.E. Panel LLC** of Scottsdale, Arizona because they are the only company at the present time making this type of vehicular fire protection system.

FISCAL IMPACT: This will diminish balance of State COPS Grant to approximately \$142,000.

FUNDING AVAILABLE: \$9,600.00 from State COPS Grant (2351001).


James R. Krueger, Finance Director


Jerry J. Adams
Chief of Police

cc: City Attorney

APPROVED: 
Blair King, City Manager

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-47

A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL
AUTHORIZING THE SOLE-SOURCE PURCHASE
OF **FIRE** PANELS TO EQUIP 25 LODI POLICE
DEPARTMENT PATROL FLEET VEHICLES

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WHEREAS, Lodi Municipal Code §3.20.070 authorizes dispensing with bids for purchases of supplies, services, or equipment when it is in the best interest of the City to do so; and

WHEREAS, there have been several instances nationwide where Ford Crown Victoria/Police Interceptors have caught fire after being struck in the rear at high speed, resulting in the deaths of police officers; and

WHEREAS, F.I.R.E. Panel LLC, of Scottsdale, Arizona, is manufacturing a panel containing fire suppressant powder that, when mounted on the gas tank of these vehicles, effectively extinguishes the fire in these types of collisions; and

WHEREAS, staff therefore recommends the sole-source purchase of 25 "fire panels" to equip the Lodi Police Department Patrol fleet at a ~~cost~~ of \$9,600, utilizing State COPS Grant funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lodi City Council hereby approves the sole-source purchase of 25 "fire panels" to equip the Lodi Police Department Patrol fleet at a cost of \$9,600, utilizing State COPS Grant funds.

Dated: March 16, 2005

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I hereby certify that Resolution No. 2005-47 was passed and adopted by the Lodi City Council in a regular meeting held March 16, 2005, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – Hitchcock, Johnson, Mounce, and
Mayor Beckman

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS – Hansen

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None



SUSAN J. BLACKSTON
City Clerk